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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application: Jeremy Buc Slay et al.

Serial No. 10/717,814

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For: Downhole Seal Element Formed From a  
Nanocomposite Material

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2006 which is due for reply by June 20, 2006. A petition for a two-month extension of time has been filed herewith to extend the time for reply to August 20, 2006. In view of the following remarks, allowance of the claims pending in this application is respectfully requested.